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Organized Labor Deeply Interested in the Rapid Transit Problem

Commissioners Assembled Last Wednesday—Ask For Two Amendments To Pending Ordinances—Bonds To Be Issued Immediately and Work Started As Soon As Possible.

Four of the five members of the new Rapid Transit commission held their first meeting late Wednesday in City Engineer Krug's office. Their first action was to instruct City Solicitor Schoenle to prepare an amendment to the ordinance for the extension of the Suspension bridge to Third street. The amendment to provide that the bridge company agree to the construction of an overhead track at the Third and Walnut streets approach to the bridge, for the West End rapid transit line. This may become necessary, as the proposed route of the West End line is higher than the level of the bridge approach.

Solicitor Schoenle also was instructed to prepare an amendment to the proposed franchise grant to the West End Rapid Transit line, providing that that company arrange to connect with the proposed Rapid Transit subway at Third and Walnut streets.

During the meeting E. W. Edwards suggested that, if the Green Line franchise matter came up for consideration, provision be made that the Green line cars also make connection with the subway.

Those present at the meeting were Commissioners E. W. Edwards, Chris. Schott, E. H. Dornette and William A. Hopkins, City Solicitor Schoenle and City Engineer Krug. W. Cooper Procter was out of the city. Schoenle explained the statute creating the commission and called attention to the provision for a bond of \$5,000 from each commissioner.

HOW CITY MIGHT AID

Interurban Roads, If Thought Desirable, Explained by Krug.

City Engineer Krug recommended that the commission take some measures looking to financial assistance being given by the city to interurban roads to make suitable connection with the rapid transit system. Some of the roads, he said, were in the hands of receivers, and if no financial assistance were forthcoming they might never be able to come in. The first move the commission should make after organization, he advised, should be to call in the officials and engineers of the various roads and have them confer with the city officials over estimated costs, etc. The commission then could make a thorough examination of the condition of the roads, costs estimated, etc., and then include whatever money was expended in the general bond issue.

Answering Krug's suggestion, Commissioner E. W. Edwards, who was temporary chairman of the meeting, expressed doubt as to the wisdom of rendering financial assistance to the interurban roads. He is of the opinion that the roads will derive great advantage from the prospects of being part of the rapid transit system, and, even if in the hands of receivers at present, should somehow get money to make the connections.

Engineer Krug explained later to the meeting that by financially assisting the interurbans, he meant offering them loans of sufficient money to enable them to make connections.

First Issue of Bonds.

The commission decided to ask Council for a \$100,000 bond issue next Tuesday, the money to be used in preliminary work. Krug said that part of this would be used to pay the expense consequent on engineering calculations, and then sending a copy of the plans to each voter so that he would understand exactly what was to be done. Under the State law the commission may receive \$150,000 as a working fund, without the necessity of going before the voters.

For the General Issue.

It is estimated that the system will cost between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Commissioner Edwards favors putting the entire sum before the voters at one time, instead of parceling it out in election after election.

Commissioners Sworn In.

City Solicitor Schoenle swore in the four commissioners and Krug volunteered to act as their secretary until a permanent secretary was secured. The

commissioners decided not to organize until Commissioner William Cooper Procter, who is out of town, returned. The next meeting will be held Monday afternoon, at which time it expected that Col. Procter will be in the city.



HON. CHAS. F. HORNBERGER

Who will be the Next Safety Director or Assistant Prosecutor

HORNBERGER IS OFFERED JOB

Charles F. Hornberger, chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee, Tuesday considered appointment as first assistant prosecuting attorney to succeed Charles Groom, who becomes city solicitor January 1. The post was offered Hornberger by County Prosecutor Campbell.

Hornberger is assistant attorney general in Hamilton County. It is reported this position will go to Attorney George W. Platt if Hornberger accepts the place offered him.

Hornberger has been mentioned as the next safety director.

The tip is out that the next safety director is to be an attorney, who is independent of the salary.

TAILORS INCREASE WAGES.

New Haven, Conn.—Members of the Journeymen Tailors' union, employed in the busheling department of several large stores, have been granted wage increases as follows: Pressmen, \$18 and up; former rates were \$16 a week. Tailors, \$16 and up; former rates were \$12, \$13, and \$14 a week. Female helpers, \$10 and up; former rates were \$7, \$8, and 9. This union is nearly 100 per cent organized.

WAITRESSES DEMAND MORE.

Boston.—Waitresses' union protests against a wage scale that forces them to depend on tips for an existence. A demand for higher wages will be made on employers. The union will continue its organizing campaign that success may be assured.

WALKOUTS TO BE ORDERED

In Shops Doing Work of Plants Where Strikes Are On.

Employees' committees of Cincinnati machine shops discussed at machinists' headquarters the advisability of calling strikes in shops doing the work of those affected by strike. At the close of the meeting J. J. McEntee, New York, general organizer for the International Association of Machinists, said it had been decided to call out the men in these shops.

He refused to say when the walkouts would be ordered, but it is reported that they will take place within the next few days. There are six shops said to be engaged in getting out the work of shops where strikes exist.

A commissary to supply striking machinists with groceries soon is to be opened on the first floor of the machinists' headquarters, 919 Main street.

PITTSBURGH SWEEPS CLEAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The Broom Makers' union has organized every shop in Pittsburgh. The agitation of organized labor against convict labor, which resulted in the passage of a law by the last legislature, ending this practice, is responsible, in a great measure, for the gains made by local broom makers.

R. R. CLERKS' STRIKE OFF.

Detroit.—The strike of Michigan Central railroad clerks has been settled. Federal and State mediators assisted the interested parties in reaching an agreement. The strike was called to enforce higher wage demands, and it is stated that the strikers have made substantial gains.

Electrical Prosperity Week Will Be a Big Educational Treat

All the Intricate Work Done by Union Labor—Local Union 212 Will Parade From Their Hall to the Music Hall Next Wednesday—All Electricians Celebrating Next Week.

One of the most noteworthy features of the great electrical display to be opened at Music Hall next week is the high-class of work which is being done by the men engaged in the task of stringing the wires and arranging the decorations for this great display. Both at Music Hall, Fountain Square and front of Times-Star building the work is completed and the details and construction are as near perfect as it is possible for human skill to render them.

Nothing appears to have been overlooked and it is most gratifying to note that all of this work is being done by union electricians, there not being a non-union man on the job; going to show that when the bosses want to

make the best possible display of their wares, they turn to the union workman as the one best equipped to bring out all of the good points. On this great display where the very highest grade of work is essential, union men have been called in. This fact alone being the strongest possible evidence that those in charge of the great undertaking recognize the greater ability of union men.

Next Wednesday evening the members of Local 212 of the Electrical Workers' union, three hundred strong, will march from their hall to Music Hall, the evening having been set aside for the occasion in order that the men may view the results of their labor to the best advantage.

BUILDING SUB-CONTRACTS

Residence—A frame and shingle residence, to be built on University court, Fairview Heights. Owner, Chas. Hoffman; architect, Edw. H. Kruckemeyer, St. Paul Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Carpenter work, Henry Jasper & Son; excavation and masonry, Frederick Schmidt; brick work, Brockman & Webb; cut stone, W. C. Lang & Co.; iron work, L. Schreiber & Sons Co.; vitrolite and tile, Brick Sales Co.; sheet metal work, Weitkamp & Beck; hardwood floor, Cincinnati Floor Co.; painting and glazing, Chas. Doerr; electric work, the Kelley Electric Co.; plastering, George Stagg & Sons.

Garage—A public garage, of fire-proof construction, to be built on Fifth street, between Main and Sycamore streets. Owner, Frank Fox; architects, J. G. Steinkamp & Bro., Mercantile Library Building, Cincinnati, O. Additional contracts awarded as follows: Steel sash, Pursell & Grand Co.; glazing, the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; painting, Fred Johansman; sheet metal work and roofing, Edw. Meyer & Co.

Residence—A residence, to be built on Paddock road, Avondale. Owner, Or. John Scudder; architect, G. C. Burroughs, Union Trust Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Foundation, Frank Jacobs; carpenter and mill work, Henry Herman; cement work, Chas. V. Maescher & Co.; brick work, J. W. Jeynes; plastering, Scott & Jones; mantle and tile work, A. Schirmer; roofing, Jansen & Co.

Church—A 2-story concrete block and frame building, with asphalt shingle roof, to be erected in Newport, Ky. Owner, the Brighton Street Mission; architect, L. H. Wilson, 10 W. Fourth street, Newport, Ky. Contract for mill work awarded to Fred Miller, and for carpenter work to Adam Lahner.

FEDERATION OF LABOR INDORSES DICK LAW

Approves Plan for Reorganization of National Guard.

San Francisco.—Unanimous indorsement of the Dick military law, certain provisions of which provide for the regulation and reorganization of the national guard, was given by the American Federation of Labor at its 35th annual convention today. This action was taken in considering the report of the executive council on the law, the question having been referred to the committee on international relations at the Philadelphia convention.

The executive council's report on the law was adopted in full. In part it says:

"Our American traditions are wholesomely positive against the maintenance of a large standing army. We think it can be safely and emphatically stated that only a small percentage of the American people favor the maintenance of a large standing army. We express our belief in the need of a small standing army to be supplemented by a citizen soldiery, democratically organized and controlled, so as to prevent either the small standing army or the larger supplements and its units to be used for or by any special privileged class, either at home or abroad."

FEDERATION OF LABOR UPHOLDS MUNITION TRADE

Asserts Foreign Agents Failed in Attempts To Influence Workers in United States.

San Francisco, Cal.—Neutrality as practiced by the United States was approved by the convention of the American Federation of Labor by the adoption of a resolution recommended by the committee on international relations. The resolution upheld the right of the United States to ship to belligerents, explaining that "it was impossible to distinguish between munitions of war and the ordinary articles of commerce."

The committee's report called attention to the efforts made by sympathizers of the belligerents to "use the workingmen of our country to further the interests of some foreign country."

Corruption Called Failure.

"Foreign agencies have been trying to reach corruptly some of the organizations of the workers," the report said, but they have not succeeded.

A resolution urging the United States to appeal to certain European powers to stop their discrimination against Jews was passed.

Blow at Nonunion Goods.

A resolution recommending the annulment of a clause permitting the installation of nonunion made goods by union workmen contained in an agreement between the Building Trades Council of Chicago and the Construction Employers Association of Chicago was replaced with a substitute measure recommended by the building trades committee and adopted by the convention.

The substitute recommended that the clause should not be renewed after its legal expiration.

\$4 MINIMUM NEXT WEEK.

Quincy, Mass.—The Granite Cutters' Journal calls attention to the fact "that after the springtime of 1916 the minimum wage rate for members of this association (Granite Cutters' International association) will be not less than \$4 per day of eight hours, and that agreements with five working hours instead of four on Saturdays will be changed not later than the above date to four working hours on Saturday."

MAY LEAVE SEAT BEFORE STOP

Topeka, Kan.—The State supreme court has ruled that a passenger is not guilty of contributory negligence if he is injured while standing on the rear platform of an interurban car. The company held that the passenger should remain in his seat, but it was shown that the plaintiff was waiting for the car to stop while nearing a station.

UPHOLD EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Washington.—The District of Columbia court of appeals has refused to review the decision of a lower court in the case of a dressmaker who was fined for violating the District women's eight-hour law, passed by the last congress.